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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the communication dated February 1, 2002 (copy enclosed), applicant submits herewith a Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR §1.824. In addition, applicant submits a substitute Sequence Listing as required under 37 CFR §1.823(a) and a statement under 37 CFR §1.821(f).

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Furthermore, applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

Replace the original Sequence Listing with the substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--RT-PCR. RNA is isolated from virions with RNA STAT 50-LS or STAT-60 (Tel-Test, Inc., Friendswood, TX), and converted to cDNA with 2.5 µM random hexanucleotide primers

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I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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